

CONCORDIA STINGERS



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Stingers, Gaiters to clash in cage semis

The Concordia Stingers women's and men's basketball teams will battle the Bishop's Gaiters in a pair of QSSF semifinal games scheduled for this week.

The third-place Concordia women's team (5-10) will travel to Lennoxville, Que., on Wednesday to meet the second-place Gaiters (9-6). Game time is 7 p.m. The teams have met six times this season. The Stingers have won two of those contests. The last time the teams met in playoff action was Feb. 28, 2001, with the Gaiters coming out on top 51-42.

The winner of the sudden-death game will advance to the conference championship versus the Laval Rouge et Or on Saturday afternoon in Ste. Foy, Que.

On the men's side, the third-place Gaiters (5-10) travel to Montreal and Concordia's Loyola campus for a sudden-death semifinal game on Thursday at 7 p.m. The Stingers (8-7) have won three of five regular season contests between the teams.

Tickets will be available at the door. The address of the Concordia athletic complex is 7200 Sherbrooke St. W.

Bishop's and Concordia haven't met in playoffs since March 1999 when the Gaiters won the QSSF championship two games to one. The winner of the semifinal advances to a best-of-three championship series versus Laval. Game 1 will be played Sunday in Ste. Foy, Que.

Concordia women's hockey up set in QSSF playoffs

In a shocking turn of events, the Concordia Stingers women's hockey team was eliminated in the QSSF semifinals by the Ottawa Gee-Gees last Friday night.

Heading into the post-season, the Stingers had won seven consecutive conference titles, dating back to 1996. In 1995, there was no Quebec women's hockey conference. In 1994, Concordia lost to the CEGEP St. Laurent Patriotes in the finals. The 1984-'85 season was the last time the team failed to advance to the conference finals.

"We're in shock," admits head coach Les Lawton. "It's devastating, especially for the fifth-year players. I guess the most disappointing aspect is we were really looking to a final series with McGill – not to take anything away from Ottawa."

The Gee-Gees' Sarah Balch scored an overtime goal at 6:59 to win the sudden-death semifinal 7-6. The teams were tied 2-2 after the first period. Ottawa pulled in front 5-3 after 40 minutes. Two goals from centre M.C. Allard and one from defender Sue Kaye saw Concordia move ahead 6-5, but with 24 seconds left in regulation time Ottawa's Kristy Thompson tied the game.

Top point-getters in the game were: Allard with three goals, Concordia's Roxanne Dupuis with three assists and Dominique Rancour who collected one goal and one assist for the Stingers. Balch with two goals and Amy Bell, also with two goals, were the top scorers on the Gee-Gees.

The Stingers outshot the Gee-Gees 65-26 in the game. Ottawa advanced to the best-of-three conference finals against the McGill Martlets.

Page named to OUA second all-star team

Chris Page, a 24-year-old Drummondville, Que., native who collected 25 goals and 17 assists for 42 points in 24 regular season, was named to the OUA East second all-star team last week.

The last Stinger to eclipse the 25-goal mark was centre Richard Laplante who notched 28 goals in 23 games in the 1988-'89 season. Laplante was a three-time OUA all-star, a Guy Lafleur Award winner and 1988 Concordia Male Athlete of the Year. He went on to enjoy a 12-year professional hockey career in Britain, Austria and Italy.

Page is also making his mark. In three seasons with the Stingers, he has scored 57 goals and 56 assists for 113 points in 88 career games. But 2002-'03 is his best campaign to date. He is the seventh-leading scorer in the CIS and the second-leading marksman in the OUA. He was named QSSF Player of the Week on Nov. 18.

Three Stingers named to women's hockey all-star team

Three members of the Concordia women's hockey team were named to the 2003 QSSF all-star team which was announced yesterday.

Captain M.C. Allard, a fifth-year centre, earns her third straight all-star honor. The 2002 All-Canadian was the second-leading scorer in the QSSF with 15 goals and 19 assists for 34 points in 20 games. Defender Sue Kaye, also a 2002 All-Canadian and a fifth-year player, is a QSSF all-star for the third time as well. Joining the veterans on the honor role is second-year centre Dominique Rancour. She is the leading scorer in the QSSF with 20 goals and 16 assists for 36 points. She was fourth in CIS scoring.

The other three spots on the all-star team went to the McGill Martlets: Katherine Safka, forward; Allison Ticmanis, defence; and Kim St. Pierre, goaltender.

Concordia Athletes of the Week

M.C. Allard of the women's hockey team and **Patrick Perrotte** of the men's basketball team have been named Concordia Stinger athletes of the week for the period ending Feb. 23.

Allard, a fifth-year centre playing in her last game as a Stinger, scored three goals in Concordia's heartbreaking 7-6 overtime semifinal loss to the Ottawa Gee-Gees on Sunday. The Quebec City native is a sexuality major.

Perrotte, a native of Verdun, Que., picked up 18 points and five rebounds in a narrow 73-70 loss to the No. 4-ranked Laval Rouge et Or last Friday. A first-year forward, he was the Stingers' top scorer in the game. Perrotte is a leisure sciences major.

Coming Events

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Women's Basketball

QSSF semifinal

Concordia @ Bishop's

7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 27

Men's Basketball

QSSF semifinal

Bishop's vs. Concordia

7 p.m.

Feb. 28-March 1

Wrestling

@ CIS Championships (Brock University)

Women's Hockey (14-6 in QSSF, 19-8-1 overall, 0-1 in playoffs)

Feb. 21	Ottawa Gee-Gees 7	Concordia Stingers 6 OT
	M.C. Allard	3 goals
	Dominique Rancour	1 goal, 1 assist
	Sue Kaye	1 goal
	Anouk Grignon-L'Anglais	1 goal

Men's Hockey (9-13-2 in OUA, 13-16-3 overall)

Season ended Feb. 16

Men's Basketball (8-7 in QSSF, 13-12 overall)

Feb. 21	Laval Rouge et Or 73	Concordia Stingers 70
	Patrick Perrotte	18 points, 5 rebounds
	Dilip Nayar	16 points, 8 rebounds

Women's Basketball (5-10 in QSSF, 9-17 overall)

Feb. 21	Laval Rouge et Or 82	Concordia Stingers 58
	Jen Neill	17 points, 3 rebounds, 4 steals

Wrestling

@ provincial championships in St. Cesaire, Que.

74 kg	Tony Ronci	2nd place	senior division
74 kg	Jason Chen	1st place	senior division
74 kg	Tyler Marghetis	1st place	junior division
70 kg	Martine Dugrenier	1st place	senior division

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